

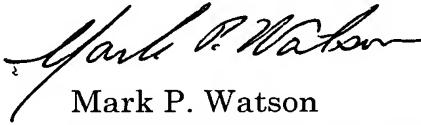
REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8, and 10-20 were rejected as being anticipated by Yamamoto (US 6,043,798) or obvious in view of Yamamoto in view of Rondel (US 4,984,177). These grounds of rejection are respectfully traversed. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the subject application applicants have adopted the Examiner's suggestion by incorporating the subject matter of Claims 8 and 9 into independent Claim 7. Thus, Claim 7 is now in allowable form. Claims 1-6, 8, 9, and 19 have been cancelled. Claim 14 has been amended to depend from Claim 7 and all remaining claims depend directly or indirectly on allowable Claim 7.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the present application.

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